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a 21-page unedited report on Bulgarian border units. Included with the report is a sketch of the border area around Malko Turnovo which shows the location of the 6th Zastava.

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Subject : Border units subjected to provide the security at the Bulgarian borders.

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1. Border units, which have special training for providing the security, are located at the Bulgarian borders. These are subordinated to Upravlenie Granicni Voyski - Border Units Headquarters - in Sofia.

Border Units Hdq. was subordinated to the Ministry of Affairs and was located at this Ministry. In 1962, it was subordinated to the Ministry of Defence. Two lieutenant who came to the 6th Zastava subordinated to the 6th Otryat in Malko in the beginning of September 1962, the formalities on turning over the Zastava to the Ministry of Defence.

Commander of the Border Units Hdq. in Sofia was General Slavi CAKIROV. Also, there was another General called Slavco there. After the Border Units Hdq. was subordinated to the Ministry of Defence, a general from the Ministry of Defence called PENKOV was assigned to this Hdq. Generals called CAKIROV and RADOMIRSKI from the staff of the Ministry of Interior occupied the same duties again, after the Border Units Hdq. was subordinated to the Ministry of Defence, so this gave the idea that the relations of the Headquarters with the Ministry of Interior were not cut off.

Border Units Hdq. is a force subordinated to the Ministry of Defence with its man power, armaments and equipment at the present; it can be considered as an executive organ under the command of the Ministry of Interior.

The formation of the border units beginning with the Border Units Hdq. in Sofia:

- 1) Otryats
- 2) Komandaturas
- 3) Zastavas
- 4) Naryats

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There are border units of different formations at the Otryats except this. Recruit training unit subordinated to each Otryat is in the form of a battalion and is divided into company, platoon and squad. Units assigned to the border line for active duty are not divided into companies.

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2. Otryats:

It is the greatest border unit assigned to provide the security at the Bulgarian border lines.

there are 7 Otryats in Bulgaria, since the number of the last Otryat was 7

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Each Otryat is assigned to a border area to provide the security.

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6th Otryat is located in Malko Tirnovo and has duty at the Turkish border line.

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3. Komandaturas:

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Otryats in maintaining the security divide the border area into smaller districts according to the condition of the land and leave each district to be protected by the Zastava established within the district. Otryats have established communication with the Zastavas in order to overpower the area assigned to them and to dispatch the reinforcing strength to the necessary Zastava. Only, the difficulty of the communication with the Zastavas which are far from the Otryat and, since the reinforcing strength to be dispatched to those Zastavas can not reach there on time when necessary were the reasons for the Zastavas far from the Otryats to be subordinated to the Komandaturas.

Thus, Komandatura is an intervening communication center between the Otryat and Zastava and comes up as a more authoritative headquarters than the Zastava.

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Since the 6th Zastava at Malko Tirnovo was subordinated to the Komandatura of Otryat 6,

there were Komandaturas located in villages Kosti and Zvezdets subordinated to the 6th Otryat in Malko Tirnovo.

4. Zastavas:

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It is a unit of 40-80 soldiers which coordinate the active duties - Naryats - at the border line and prepare the entanglements, alarming sets in the form of stationary establishments and trap establishments.

The area which the Zastavas are assigned to protect is limited.

The largeness of the area assigned to a Zastava depends on the condition of the land. The level and barren area is larger as compared to the mountainous and thickly wooded areas.

5. Naryats:

Naryats are always of two people and one of those is the commander.

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Naryat is considered to be the smallest border unit.

6. 6th Otryat at Malko Tirnovo:

1) Formation:

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[] the 6th Otryat at Malko Tirnovo [] 50X1-HUM
Commander is Lieutenant Colonel GEORGIEV, Lieutenant Colonel KUTSAROV
or CIPEV. [] 50X1-HUM

6th Otryat is located at the South West of Malko Tirnovo, right next
to the town and at the area from where the Malko Tirnovo - Kirkclareli
highway passes. 50X1-HUM

This Otryat [] is subordinated straight to the Border Units Hdq.
in Sofia. []

[] there were 17 Zastavas subordinated to the 6th Otryat.

Zastavas

a) 5th Zastava:

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[] it is located between the Brislen village and the
border line, at the North of a hill (Sveti Iliya - altitude 560 m). 50X1-HUM

The area of this Zastava starts from the border stone numbered 35
and goes towards West []

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b) 7th Zastava:

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This one is located at the South West of Malko Tirnovo, at the North
about 500 m. from the old highway to Kirkclareli from Malko Tirnovo
and at a distance of 2 km from the border line. []

This Zastava area starts from the border stone No. 10 and
[] goes at the East.

Their Commander is Captain TRICKOV. []

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c) 8th Zastava:

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This Zastava is located at the South of Malko Tirnovo, near the
area where there are mines. []

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d) 6th Zastava:

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This Zastava is located at the South of the point where the streams called Golyamo Ayi and Malko Ayi join at a distance of 8-9 km from the North West of Malko Tirnovo, between those streams.

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Commander of the Zastava was Captain MITEV till May 1962. At that date, Captain MITEV was assigned to attend some courses in Sofia, so he left the Zastava and Assistant Political Commander Captain PETROV from the Ministry replaced him.

- 2) The area of the 6th Zastava starts from the border stone No. 10 and goes as far as the border stone No. 35. 50X1-HUM
The entanglements, trap and alarming installations, secret sentry posts, patrol routes, telephone communication lines and Zastava buildings in this area are shown in the attached sketch. 50X1-HUM
- 3) there were 80 soldiers at the Zastava till the end

The soldiers at the Zastava are divided in to three squads. Also, there is another squad of supply and service. In this squad, bakers who are subjected to work as baker, cook, ones who take care of the dogs, herdsman, groom, are included. Soldiers from this squad are also patrols. Only, their special duties are always taken into consideration.

- 4) There were three officers subjected to work at this Zastava from 1962 till 1962, May. On May 1962, after the Commander of the Zastava was assigned to attend the courses in Sofia, there were only two officers left.

Officers who have duty at the Zastava:

Captain MITEV - Commander

Captain PETROV - Assistant Political Commander

Captain ARMEYKOV - Assistant Regular Commander

There is a non commissioned officer with the rank of senior master sergeant called PAVLOV besides the above mentioned.

- 5) Armaments of the 6th Zastava:

Light machine gun:

These are of DIKTERYOV type and made in Russia. Three light machine guns are given; one for each squad. Also, there are 2 light machine guns kept at the depot as a reserve.

Self-propelled infantry guns:

Those are guns of KALASNIKOV and SIMONOFKA type. KALASNIKOV guns

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have chargers of 25 shells. SIMONOFKA types have only 10 shells. Some of the soldiers at the Zastava are armed with SIMONOFKA type. Thus, there are approximately 20 KALASNIKOV and 20 SIMONOFKA type infantry guns at the Zastava.

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Hand grenades:

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Zastava has grenades for attack and defence.

Ordinary infantry guns:

There are 5 of these at the Zastava and are used in jumping over the barriers with guns etc. for the purpose of training.

Pistols:

Officers and senior master sergeant have pistols.

Sky-rocket pistols:

There are 3-4 sky-rocket pistols at the Zastava and they are given to the patrols.

Field glasses:

There are 2-3 field glasses at the Zastava. Their name is "durbun"

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6) Dogs:

Zastava has 4 dogs. These are wolf-dogs called ZRIF and RIS trained for searching the traps. ZRIF is an old dog. ~~They~~ ^{are} good surveillance dogs. RIS is a young one and not trained well. The other two dogs are small and one of them has the name VOSTOK. VOSTOK is a kind of wolf-dog too. The other small dog is a sheepdog and the ^{soldier} who takes care of the dogs said that he will take it home with him when he will be discharged from the Army.

7) Transportation vehicles:

Transportation vehicles of the Zastava are a carriage ~~run~~ ^{driven} by two mules, 4 horses, 2 mules and 2 foals. Also, there are two oxes used for ploughing the trap field.

8) Communication means:Telephone installation:

The communication is established with the Otryat in Malko Tirnovo directly by the telephone central at the Zastava. It is possible to maintain communication with the two neighbour Zastavas also from the Zastava through this communication channel and with the intervention of the central at the Otryat.

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There are telephone wires extending to different places at the Zastava area and in certain points these end in sockets. These are especially placed at the Kleon - 55 alarming installation parallel to the border line, near the ambush posts and in the vicinity of the trap field. Patrols can establish communication with the Zastava by putting the plug of the telephone receiver which they carry with them, in the socket.

The telephone net-work placed at the Kleon - 55 installation has a particularity. A whistle like the cornet of a car is mounted to the socket of the telephone there and by this whistle, it is possible to call the patrol to the phone from the Zastava. That is, patrol who hears this whistle, understands that he is called from the Zastava and plugs the headphone in the socket to establish the communication. Whereas, there is no such establishment at the sockets at the other points, so patrol establishes the communication with the Zastava when he thinks it is necessary. Zastava can not call the patrol to the phone.

Communication with the sky-rocket:

The meaning of each color of the sky-rockets is pointed out in a special list. In this list, a sky-rocket may have a meaning and different colored or two sky-rockets of the same color may have different meanings too.

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Double firing- asking reserve force from ZASTAVA

Double quick firing- urgent aid.

[redacted] quick firing or grenade explosion from ZASTAVA meant they are exposed to an attack and calling the patrols for a help.

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There are no other means of communication in ZASTAVA.

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[redacted] Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Zastavas are connected to Komandaturas which are subordinated to Otryats located in MALKO TIRNOVO.

[redacted] Fifth Zastava is subordinated to another Komandatura. [redacted] the existence of Komandatura located in ZVEZDETS [redacted]

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[redacted] Komandaturas stationed in MALKO TIRNOVO. [redacted] Commander [redacted] is KALEF who is a Major and His Assistant is Mayor MIHOF.

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7- Officers assigned in Border Units:^(H)
General SLAVI (AKIROV) - He is either brigadier-general or Major-General. He is a member of Ministry of Interior. For the present, he is General Commander of border units.General SLAVCO RADOMIRSKI - He is also either Brigadier-General or Major-General. He is in the staff of Ministry of Interior Affairs. Towards the end of 1961, he came to MALKO TIRNOVO in order to be present in the 6th of Enlistments.**CONFIDENTIAL/NO FOREIGN DISSEM**

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General PENKOF- [REDACTED] When Border Units were turned over to Defence Ministry, he was appointed from Ground Forces to Border Units. [REDACTED]

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Lieutenant-Colonel, GEORGIEF- He is likely Commander of Sixth OTRYAT Located in MALKO TIRNOVO.

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Lieutenant-KUTSAKOF- He is likely the Commander of Sixth Regiment. 50X1-HUM

Major CIPEF- Even he might be also the Commander of Sixth OTRYAT. 50X1-HUM

Lieutenant-Colonel, UZURIEF- He is Intellegent Officer in Sixth OTRYAT. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

Major KALEF- He is the Commander of KOMANDATURA which is located in Sixth OTRYAT District in MALKO TIRNOVO.

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Major MIHOF- He is the Commander Assistant of Komandatura in MALKO TIRNOVO.

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Major ANGELOF - He is an officer of Sixth OTRYAT. [REDACTED]

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Major ATOF- He is an officer serving in Sixth OTRYAT. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He was once a Commander of training battalion
in MALKO TIRNOVO. [REDACTED]

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Major KOJUHAROF- He is assigned in Sixth OTRYAT. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] For a period he served as 2nd Squadron Commander of
Recruits Training Battalion located in MALKO TIRNOVO.

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Major VASILEF- Officer assigned in Sixth OTRYAT. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] For some time he was the Commander of 1st Squadron
of Training Battalion in MALKO TIRNOVO.

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Lieutenant-Colonel, PETROF- He is the Intelligence Commander Assistant of
Sixth Zastava subordinated to Sixth Otryat. Since Squadron Commander of
Zastava was in Sofia beginning from May 1962, He is acting as Squadron
Commander. [REDACTED]

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Captain MITEF- He is the Commander of Sixth Zastava subordinated to Sixth Otryat. He went to Sofia in May 1962 in order to attend to a course.

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Lieutenant-Colonel, ARMEYKOF - He is regular Commander Assistant of Sixth Zastava subordinated to Sixth Otryat.

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Senior Master-Sergeant, UZUNOF- He was assigned in Sixth Otryat in Intelligence Section. He knew Turkish and some other languages.

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Senior Master-Sergeant, PAVLOF- Serving in Sixth Zastava subordinated to Sixth Otryat.

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8- Recruits Training in Border Units

For each Otryat recruits training battalion is established.
The new enlistments are included in this battalion.

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Two Training battalion of Sixth Otryat in MALKO TIRNOVO located in MALKO TIRNOVO and the other two battalions are located in ZVEZDETS. Due to the lack of place in MALKO TIRNOVO two battalions were sent to ZVEZDETS.

Recruits Training starts from October and ends in January.

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I) Establishment of Training Battalion belonging to Sixth Otryat.

This battalion is divided in four squadron. I and 2nd Squadron are stationed in MALKO TIRNOVO. Third and Fourth squadrons are located in some place in ZVEZDETS. The arrangement of each battalion was the same. One squadron is divided into four platoons and each platoon is divided into three squads. Each squad contains 9 or 10 soldiers.

The Commander of Recruits Training Battalion is likely Major CIPEF. First Squadron Commander was Major VASILEF, 2nd Squadron Commander was Major KOJUHAROF.

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Commander of Third Platoon of 2nd Squadron was Captain ARMEYKOF.

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2) The lessons

a) Arm Knowledge:

it is consists of knowing KALASNIKOF and SIMONOFKA type automatic Infantry guns, DIKTERYOF Type light machine guns and parts of grenades for defence and attack, and also learn how to use them practically.

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During the training they had this lesson every day. In every opportunity, arm practise was included in the programme. During the training maneuvers and firing with real shells were arranged frequently. In the course of firing, the soldiers are supplied with a type of a gun which he will use during his military service, depending how good he can use one specific one.

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b) Border Knowledge:

This lesson was in the programme every day.

In this lesson the functions along the frontier-line and the kind of action they will take when observing a track or suspicious person along the border taught practically.

The Subjects of this Lesson:

(I) The kinds of Tasks at the Border:

Secret Ambushment:

This is an unduty for secret ambushment. Two sentries are sentinelling at night. Two soldiers who are unduty took their posts at an irregular distance apart from each other according to the situation of the land and instructions and start waiting quietly. Usually one shift is unduty 7-8 hours continuously. In an extraordinary happening the sentries are unduty more than 10 hours continuously. Such sentries sometimes equipped with TSE-2 warning devices.

Post Nabludenie :

This is a kind of observation sentry handled by two men. This is applied in the day time. Depending to the instructions received, this is either accomplished from the observation tower or from land. According to the instruction an area which sentries will put under observation is assigned. This area might be as well as Bulgaria, Turkey too. In accordance with the size of the area sometimes sentries are supplied with binoculars. It is an order for the sentries having such an unduty to note down their observation results in a note-book indicating with hours. Only in Sixth Zastava is not applied. As obeying to the instructions one sentry stays in observation tower and the other observes in vicinity area by hiring himself.

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CASOVI NA GRANITSA -

This is a kind of unduty handled by two patrols along the border line. These sentries walk up a regular district depending their instructions. This usually continues 8 hours. Sometimes even less than this. The patrol having their unduty in the day time mostly serve as observation sentries.

ZASLON -

This is applied in extraordinary situations. A news received about having an attack from a definite border line or a suspicion, as a result a group of soldiers are dispatched to that area and take their position in order to dominate to the area. The duration of this duty is indefinite. Very rarely applied.

POISKOVA GRUPA-

This group is consist of 10 or 20. This groups follows the tracks of the suspicious person or suspicious person observed by patrol along the border-line.

ZASADA

It is some kind of ambushment or siege done by a group of soldiers to stop the suspicious man surveilled. Ver rarely applied.

DOZOR

Two border patrols. They have the responsibility of controlling track field along the border. Generally they walk following the track field.

This is applied both night and day. At night they can follow the track by either by a flash or by aelettric bulb which is lighted by a power obtained from a small battery.

CASOVI NA ZASTAVA

They are in charge of protecting the security of Zastava. There is only one soldier patrolling around the buildings of Zastava. This type of sentry in Sixth Zastava assigned at the door of a Warning Installation called KLEON 55.

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CASOVI NA MOST CASOVI NA BARIERA

A sentry for each ends of bridge and junctions. No applied in Sixth Zastava.

PATROL

Consists of two sentries and has an authority for making document controls of the people they meet or pin pointing the suspicious people and capture them.

KONVOY

In the dispatch of suspicious men the soldiers who accompany them are called so. The number of the soldiers are always more than the suspicious men.

TEVOJNA GRUPA

A force composed of group of soldiers in Zastava who stand at attention every minute. The soldiers in this group asleep with their costumes on. Upon an alarm given from Warning Installation this group immediately called to arms. If no contact is provided with the patrol of the sector which exposed to an attack, they go to that area right away. If the contact is provided with the patrol depending to the report of the patrol they are assigned. With this group dog responsible for keeping tracks has sent too.

GRANICNA POSTA

The soldier who carries the mail of Zastava.

DEJUREN PO ZASTAVA

Ward sentry inside Zastava. He is responsible of waking the soldiers who will take over the unduty, to give them their guns, to provide their food and gun supply, if unduty officer is occupied to take care of KEEON 55 and Telephone Center.

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(2) The things which would be done before an unsafe person, when caught on the border-line:

It is provided that the doubtful person will be isolated from arms. When one of the guards threatens the doubtful with his gun, the other searches over him, who has been standing hands up. After this, the guard fastens his hands by a string at his back, and makes him lie down. Then, the doubtful is taken under the supervision of a soldier, and the other guard goes to the patrol to inform them and to provide the accompanying guards to come, and then he hands over the doubtful to the people, who have come from the zastava. After that, the people who have caught the doubtful, continue the duty they had taken over.

(3) The information concerned with the certificate control:

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OTKRIT LIST - Free travel certificate -

there were three kinds of free travel certificates. 50X1-HUM
The free travel certificate number:1, is possibly for entering the forbidden area of 15 klms, for once.
The free travel certificate No:2, is for entering the forbidden area of 2 klms, for once.

the free travel certificate No:3, gives the right to enter a forbidden area for several times.

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Except these, there are permanent free travel certificates, in a form of a cardboard with a photograph on it, which are given to the people who live on the border-line, and who have businesses in the first degree forbidden area of 2 kms.

The border soldiers, during the control of the free travel certificates, by the help of their LICEN PASSPORTs fix the person's identity, and when they are convinced that this passport belongs to that person, they compare the register in the free travel certificate with LICEN PASSPORT.

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LICEN PASSPORT - On the 20th page of the LICEN PASSPORTs of the people, who live in the forbidden border area, there is a seal, indicating from which border area they were. If this seal belongs, to the first degree of the forbidden area of 2 kms, the person can enter the second degree forbidden area of 15 kms, and also to Bulgaria, freely. Only, he has to get a free travel certificate, to be able to go to the forbidden border areas in other places, outside the Public Council of the village, where he lives.

The people, who live in the second degree forbidden area have the same rights. Only, these people have also to get a free travel certificate, to enter the first degree forbidden area of 2 kms, in the town area, where they live.

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(4) The forbidden border areas:

The area of 2 kms. which is parallel to the border-line, is accepted as the first degree forbidden area.

The area of 15 kms, which is parallel to the border-line, is the second degree forbidden area.

The border units have a large amount of activities in the first degree forbidden area. Several kinds of trapping, informing and barriering installations are in this area.

In the second degree forbidden area of 15 kms, the patrols, and guards are present to make the certificate controls.

(5) To search a trace:

The border soldiers were given information by examples, how to give a meaning to each of the several traces.

(6) Barriering, informing and trapping installations:

Trace field:

This is a plowed and raked land band of 12 ms, in width, and which is parallel to the border-line, but according to the situation of the land in some places nearer to the border-line, and in some places farther from the border-line. The reason for this is to understand whether or not anybody has tried to pass the border-line, and from which direction to which direction he has walked. Also to understand whether or not anybody had entered Bulgaria, and to be able to surveill him from the traces.

The duty of the guards is to inform the zastava, when they meet any traces of a person, who passes from Bulgaria to the Foreign countries. This trace field is continually kept under control. Always it is tried to be kept well, and raked. All around the area, where there is the 6th Zastava, there is a trace field.

Barbed wire line:

This barbed wire barrier, which is parallel to the border-line, is made up of barbed wires attached to woods of 2 m, height. There are also other barriers, made up of barbed wires attached to shorter woods, but it is much harder to pass over these. In the area of the 6th zastava, and in the same direction with the border stones No: 26 and 27, there is another old barbed wire line. Except these there is no other barbed wire barriers, in another place.

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Fences:

This is a barrier formed by piling up the spiny bushes and barbed wires. There is no barrier of this kind, in the area of the 6th zastava.

The barrier called ZAVAL, is made up of barbed wires attached to wooden posts in a mixed way, and it is usually put in the stream beds. In the six places of the area of the 6th zastava, there are barriers of this kind. At the same time these serve as a platform to prevent the "KLEON 55" informing installation from being dragged away by water.

KLEON - 55 :

This is an informing installation, which works by electric current. It consists of 24 rows of wires, stretched on concrete posts, parallel to the border-line. To make it more difficult to cross over this barrier, they have also extended a part of it towards Turkey. In each wire of the 24 rows there is current. This informing installation is connected to an apparatus as large as a radio, in the zastava, by a wire attached to the telephone posts. The telephone posts are 10 m, near this installation.

As compared with the apparatus, which stands in a central point, the informing installation divides into two parts like this; the lines on the right side of the apparatus, and the lines on the left side of the apparatus. Every part is divided into 10 parts again. In the lines, to provide this division, there are separation, division and connection posts. These separation and division posts have an apparatus, for reflecting any defect between the two posts, to the connection post. And on the connection posts, an apparatus in the form of a potter 50X1-HUM in which all the ends of the 24 wires, on the posts, were connected together. Also, on the connection posts, there is a whistle which sounds like an automobile cornet.

The connection posts are connected to the wires on the telephone posts, and to the wires attached to the apparatus in zastava, by an underground cable.

On the apparatus in zastava, which was as large as a radio, there are 2 lamps, and a dial divided into 10. On the other hand, there is also a switch and its whistle. In the informing installation, when a defect or a happening quiding an attack occurs, the whistle in the apparatus begins to ring. The lamps on the apparatus are continually on so when this whistle begins, one of the lamps goes off, and this way they can understand on which side the defect is.

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When they understand on which lines the defect was, then they look at the dial of the apparatus. The light is on, on the side where there is a defect. Meanwhile, the guard, who is concerned with the apparatus, to prevent the whistle to ring continually, turns off the switch, and cuts the electric current, flowing to the apparatus.

On some of the posts in this informing installation, there are some telephone sockets too. These sockets are on the connection posts, where the whistles are. When an accident occurs, and when from zastava they want to call the patrol in a certain area, and ask information, they use another apparatus. This apparatus consists of a box, and on it there are two lamps. For the whistles, on the connection posts to ring, which ~~XXXXX~~ belong to the lines on the right side, the lamp on the right side is turned on. When the patrol hears this whistle, he puts the switch, which belongs to the telephone operator he has, into the socket, and talks to zastava.

Se - 2 Apparatus:

This apparatus consists of a box connected to a thin wire. When the wire breaks, a voice is heard from the apparatus. The wire of this apparatus is attached to bushes and the trees one meter higher from the land. Because this wire is very thin, it can not be seen by a person, who doesn't know it, so it can be broken very easily, and when this happens the soldiers lying in wait hear the voice of the apparatus, they become aware of the presence of the person, who has broken the wire. In a certain place in the area of 6th Zastava, there are several wires belonging to this apparatus, but they are not used.

The firing arrangements of the sky-rocket:

This consists of a home, where the sky-rocket is put, and a bow with a sharp end, which was adjusted in a way to hit the sky-rocket. The bow is set and is fixed with a latch.

A string attached to the latch is stretched and fastened to a fixed point of a height of one meter. The person, who doesn't notice the string hits it, and when the string is stretched the latch falls down, and the released bow fires the sky-rocket. This way they become aware of the presence of the foreigner.

These sky-rocket arrangements can be found in three places in the area of 6th Zastava.

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50X1-HUM(7) The password exchange of the patrols:

When the patrols meet, they exchange passwords or signals. Always, the password is a name of any Military stuff, and the signal is the name of any town in Bulgaria. The first letter of either the name of the Military stuff, or the name of the town must be the same.

c) Political training:

It was very often, and nearly everyday. It was a political lesson of theoretical knowledge.

d) Tight system:

It is a lesson, which is very important, especially during the first days of training.

e) Physical Education:f) General Culture:

This was coming together to read a book, or discussing the happenings in the world.

g) Tactic:

This contained the attack and defense practice on the land, and a full equipped march.

3) Daily Program:

04.30 hrs.	waking up
05.00 "	making the beds and physical education
06.00 "	running a distance of 2-3 km. and at the end of the physical exercises having a bath, dressing and going to the breakfast.
06.20 "	The end of the breakfast.
06.30 "	polishing shoes, and meeting
07.00 "	The end of the meeting, and preparation for the lessons
08.00 "	Lessons
12.00 "	The end of the lessons
12.30 "	Lunch, and relaxation till 14.00 hrs.
14.00 "	Lessons
17.00 - 18.00 hrs.	The end of the lessons
18.00 "	Cleaning of the guns
18.30 "	Dinner and relaxation
20.00 "	20.30 hrs. Meeting and going to bed.

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4) At the end of recruit training, the soldiers swear, and after the swearing ceremony, they are divided and sent to zastavas. [redacted]

[redacted] a platoon from the recruit training battalion is sent to every zastava.

9 - The cooperation of the Border Units with the civil population and with the other armed forces:

The civilians have always been very helpful for the border units. For example, when a peasant from a town, where there are no strict regulations, sees a foreigner, he leaves his job, and immediately goes to the Public Council, and there he reports the shape of the person, he had seen, the place, hour and direction he was going to. This report is immediately returned to the border units, and this way the foreigner can be caught much easier.

Also in the surveillance process of the doubtful people, they have a great help from the civilian people. In every village a voluntary surveillance team has been organized. When anything happens, these groups, getting orders from the border units spread all over the land. Meanwhile, all the people in the village learn that a foreigner was being searched, and they all try to catch him, and report him. This is because everybody knows that a reward such as; money or suits would be given, to the person who sees the foreigner.

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[redacted] Only, because the border units are included in the Ministry of Defense, their collective activities with the armed units, have become easier.

10 - The remunerations, punishments and rewards in the border units:
Food: When the border units were not included into the Ministry of Defense, their food had a better quality, and the amount was more.

Their present food:

Breakfast: One glass of tea, 30-40 grams of cheese, 30-40 grams of marmalade, or a glass of tea, 30-40 grams of Balkan cheese, and 30 grams of jam.

Lunch: The menu is composed of 2-3 kinds of food. The first plate is meat with vegetables, the second is macaroni, and the desert. On 2 or 3 days of the week, semolina-helva, or sweetmeat is given as desert.

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Dinner: It consists of a vegetable without a meat, macaroni, or rice.

The daily bread remuneration is one soldier's bread. 50X1-HUM
 For the lunch, cheese and 50X1-HUM
 bread is given to the guards on duty on the border-line.

Clothes:

For the border soldiers they give two kinds of suits; for winter and for summer.

The summer suit consists of a jacket and a pair of trousers. Together with the summer suit, they also give an athlete and a pair of drawers. These clothes is for only one season. When winter comes, these clothes are taken away from the soldiers, and the next summer they give new ones.

The winter suit consists of a jacket, made of thick cloth, a pair of trousers, coat, a soldier shirt, and a pair of long drawers. These clothes are for two years. They are kept in the ware-houses, during the summer.

Shoes: They give a pair of boots, and this if for one year.

Rubber shoes: This is given to be worn during the summer months. This is used only for one season.

The rain-coats, kept in zastavas are given to the soldiers on duty. Also, there are some white overalls, at zastavas, to be worn during the winter months.

Permits: Once in two years, the border soldier can have a permission for 17 days. Usually, this permission is given to the soldiers, during the first two years of his Military service, and it is given in turn.

Outside this, two days in every month is saved for the soldier to provide his personal needs. That means, every month for two days he may have a permit, and he is not included to be on duty. At that time, they go to the villages or towns nearby.

Punishments and rewards: In the border units, the worst punishment is to be called by the court. Outside this, they can be put in prison, their permits may not be given, or they may be forced to do dirty and hard jobs, and also they may be scolded.

The rewards are as follows: they may have a permit for 10 days, they may be given an excellent border soldier rosette, they can be included to the list of the example border soldiers, and they can have a photograph under the ceremony banner.

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1. Border Line, and boundary stone number
2. Aerial telephone line, and the number of wires
3. C-2 establishment which is not used.
4. Patrolling Paths
5. Control trail strip
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6. ~~Kleom~~-55 set; it consists of 24 lines of stretched wires on ~~Kleom~~
concrete stakes, and since it is an effective alarming installation,
the other installations are neglected.
7. Horned and hornless telephone plug.
8. Observation towers.
9. Areas where the installation firing sky-rockets is stationed.
10. Entanglement consisting of brook, and fences, and barbed wire called
Zaval.
11. Ambushing localities.
12. Permanent duty locality.

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